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Title

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## PATENT ASSIGNMENT

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**BACKGROUND OF THIS ASSIGNMENT:**

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WHEREAS, the INVENTORS have conceived certain new and useful  
3 inventions disclosed United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/575,199, filed on  
4 April 10, 2006 as a U.S. National Stage filing of PCT Patent Application No.  
5 PCT/GB2004/004293, and entitled, "SYNTHESIS OF GERMANIUM SULPHIDE  
6 AND RELATED COMPOUNDS". And,

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WHEREAS, the INVENTORS, for good and valuable consideration, the  
8 sufficiency and previous receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have assigned all  
9 right, title and interest in and to such inventions to ASSIGNEE. And,

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WHEREAS, ASSIGNEE desires to secure clear title to such inventions, as  
11 well as the entire right, title and interest in said inventions and with respect to any  
12 Letters Patent that may be granted with respect to the inventions in the United  
13 Kingdom, the United States of America, and in all countries foreign thereto.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

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In consideration of the good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency and  
16 receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by INVENTORS, INVENTORS have sold,  
17 assigned and transferred to ASSIGNEE the full and exclusive right to said inventions  
18 in the United Kingdom, the United States, and in countries foreign thereto, including  
19 any continuation patent applications based thereon, any continuation-in-part patent  
20 applications based thereon, any divisional patent applications based thereon, and/or  
21 any reissue patent applications based thereon.

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INVENTORS hereby authorize the United States Commissioner of Patents  
23 and Trademarks to issue such Letters Patent to ASSIGNEE for the sole use of  
24 ASSIGNEE, its successors or assigns.

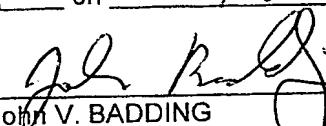
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INVENTORS further agree to execute, at the request and expense of  
ASSIGNEE, such other formal documents as may be required to fully convey the  
interests transferred herein, and will similarly execute any applications papers  
required for the filing of any division, continuation or reissue of the patent application

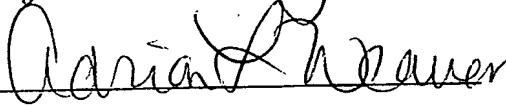
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Date: May 2, 2006

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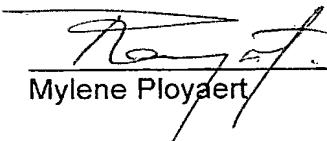
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